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Letter dated 29 November 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Yemen to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I wish to bring to your attention that the so-called "Political Council" of the Houthi and Saleh rebels in Sana'a announced on 28 November 2016 the formation of the so-called "National Salvation Government" (see annex), which is not only considered a new illegitimate and unconstitutional body formed by those involved in the coup but also constitutes a new measure thwarting the peace consultations led by the United Nations in accordance with the terms agreed upon for establishing peace in Yemen in the Gulf Cooperation Council initiative and its implementation mechanism, the National Dialogue Conference outcomes and Security Council resolutions, in particular resolution 2216 (2015).

The Government of the Republic of Yemen firmly rejects this unilateral step and urges the Security Council to shoulder its responsibilities and take the action necessary for condemning such a move that will have an impact on the peace process. My Government also reiterates its adherence to the United Nations-led consultations and supports the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen to reach a peaceful solution to the crisis in Yemen in accordance with the agreed terms.

I would greatly appreciate it if the present letter and its annex were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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[Original: Arabic]

Office of the President: The steps taken by the militia in Sana'a confirm that it is committed to coup tactics, but the accomplices to the coup will be held to account

An influential source in the Office of the President has made the following statement:

> The Houthi and Saleh militia has declared a so-called government in Sana'a. That step is yet another sign to our people and the world that the forces behind the coup are committed to their coup tactics. It crushes any possibility of dialogue or peace, and underscores the reality that the militias are lashing out against any attempt to bring security or stability. They are persisting in their deluded endeavour to spread anarchy and destruction, sponsor terrorism and tear the nation apart.

In a statement to the Yemeni news agency Saba, the source went on to say:

> The step taken by the militia shows the world, and any person of good faith, that the renegades are bent on wreaking destruction, tearing society apart and igniting conflict. It confirms what we, along with all patriotic and peace-loving forces, have been saying to the world, namely that their response to calls for a peaceful solution has been deceitful. They have shown clear disdain for any initiative put forward by the international community, and their attitude to our people has been spiteful and irresponsible.
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> We have consistently kept our hand outstretched in order to spare our country any violence or clashes. We have done so because we are concerned for our people, mindful of our responsibilities and committed to the principle of allegiance to the nation. We have taken a sincere approach to any call for peace. We have continued to call on the international community to assume its responsibility to enforce the authoritative international resolutions. The latter are the best way to restore stability, which can ultimately be secured only once the coup has come to a definitive end. Unfortunately, the international community's listless and indulgent approach has emboldened the coup militias and given them the impression that the coup has gained international acceptance, encouraging them to take further steps to consolidate the coup.

The source argued that the militia's actions in Sana'a confirmed that it was persisting with its coup strategy. It was therefore essential for the region and the world to be aware of the threat posed by the militia, which was working to spread anarchy and foster disregard for laws and norms. That trend posed a threat to the region as a whole, and not only to Yemen.

The source went on:

> We are following those steps, which will not dent our people's united stand against the coup. On the contrary, it will strengthen our people's determination to bring an end to the coup and the militia, and to strip the latter of its weapons. This step brings an end to all of the efforts for peace that we and the world have endeavoured to build. It highlights the need for the region and the world to take a more genuine stand against the coup and effectively enforce the authoritative international resolutions by strengthening the legitimate State institutions and eradicating any aspect of the coup.

He stressed that any persons who had taken part in the various stages of the coup, including joining the so-called committees, councils or government, were accomplices to the coup process and would be subject to the full range of legal proceedings in the context of regional and international cooperation. Anyone who had been duped into doing so should promptly dissociate themselves from the coup measures.

The source said that legal proceedings would indeed be taken against the coup authors who were wanted by the law. The sanctions committee was taking action and would pursue the soldiers, politicians and businessmen who had supported the coup. The blood of the martyrs and the sacrifices of Yemenis would not go to waste.

He called on international sponsors and, in particular, the United Nations, the Members of the Security Council, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, the League of Arab States, the Gulf Cooperation Council and all friendly and kindred countries to condemn the recent steps; hold the coup militias responsible for the collapse of dialogue and peace; work promptly to support legitimate processes and eradicate coup remnants; refrain from interacting with or hosting any outlaw group, such as the Houthi and Saleh militias, including members of the coup authors' so-called government; and be mindful of the threat posed by the militias' actions, which endangered regional and international peace.

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